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All,

I think the settlement is more than fair, as many states have found. This matter should be put to rest quickly. Many people feel that Microsoft is being singled out and taken to task for what all its competitor's do. This is hardly a position I can support, because of improvements in productivity that Microsoft has brought about and the countless jobs it has helped create. In another vain, if Colgate started packaging a promotional mouthwash along with its toothpaste, would that constitute unfair competition against Scope? I think not. So why single out packaging Microsoft Browser with Windows as unfair competition? Of course, the issue here is "settlement", which is different from finding who is at fault.

If Microsoft is broken up into pieces as settlement, I doubt if that will help Sun or Oracle or AOL to flourish. All these companies are limited by their power of innovation.

Sincerely  
Debes Ray